

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An image information reading apparatus which is relatively small in size and weight has a laser beam applying device for applying a laser beam to a stimuable phosphor sheet inserted into an apparatus housing, and a light collecting device for collecting light that is emitted from the stimuable phosphor sheet upon exposure to the laser beam. The laser beam applying device and the light collecting device are displaced in unison with each other over the entire length of the stimuable phosphor sheet by a displacing mechanism.